

AUCKLAND PREP NEWSLETTER



Key Dates:

Holiday Club starts - Mon 30th Oct
Halloween - Tues 31st Oct
Bonfire Night - Sun 5th Nov
INSET Day - Mon 6th Nov
Term restarts - Tues 7th Nov
PTA meeting - Tues 7th Nov
Remembrance Day - Sat 11th Nov
Diwali - Sun 12th Nov
Prep reports published - Fri 10th Nov
Christmas Jumper Day - Fri 15th Dec
Last day of term - Fri 15th Dec

Deputy Head's Welcome Message

I want to thank all members of the Auckland Community for a wonderful first half term. There has been a real sense of positivity around school and it is great to see people coming together in all areas to ensure the very best for the students of Auckland, and we will continue to do all we can for them.

Next half term, the first report cards of the year come out, and we look forward to discussing them with you at parents' evenings.

Have a great Half Term.

Miss Kelly,

Deputy Head of EYFS and Prep



Important Notices

School Snacks

There has been an increase in school snacks that are not appropriate to bring into school such as: large chocolate bars, sweets, fizzy drinks and fast food. Can you please ensure that the snacks that you send your children into school with are healthy and fill your children up with goodness, and have no nuts in them.

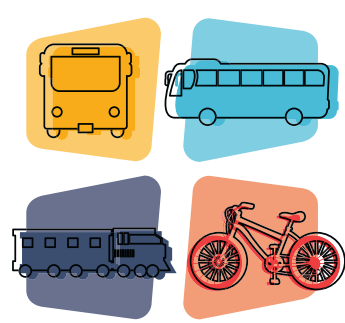
Jewellery

Please note students must not come to school wearing jewellery including: rings, bracelets, necklaces and watches connected to the Internet. A simple watch and small earrings are the only permitted jewellery. Jewellery may be removed from students and kept safe.





YEAR 2



Our Travel and Transport topic has given the children the opportunity to explore boats, cars, trains, and bicycles from different stages in history and the children produced some amazing creations for their termly homework projects.



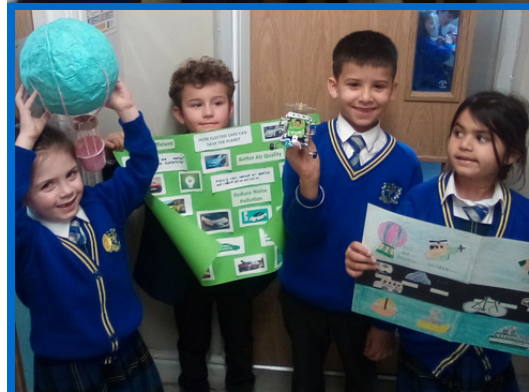
In English, the children have been learning how to include adjectives, imperative verbs and prepositions into their writing to make it more detailed and specific! They were able to make some excellent instructions. We also looked at acrostic poetry and wrote poems inspired by our favourite methods of transport.



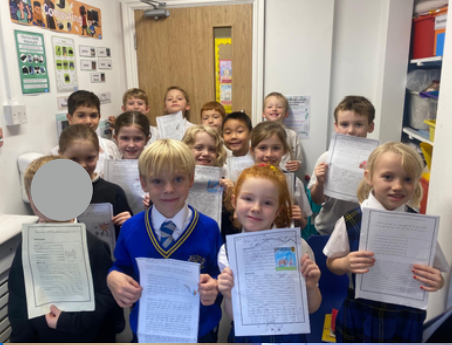
In Maths, we have been using our knowledge of place value to add, subtract and compare numbers. In the last two weeks of term we also conquered tricky column addition and subtraction. The children have enjoyed competing on TTRockstars and using their knowledge to complete Mathematics tasks.



We have learnt about a range of scientists and inventors such as Charles McIntosh and Rachel Carson and how they've made important contributions to modern day science. We also recognised Black History Month by exploring this year's theme: Saluting our Sisters. We looked at inspirational women such as Bessie Coleman and Katherine Johnson.



Best wishes,
Miss Hanson and Miss Thompson



Year 3

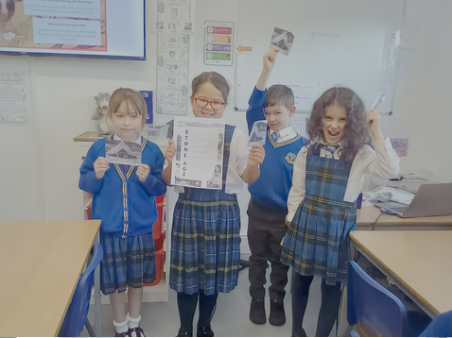
Our Year 3 classes have had a superb start to the academic year. They have settled in well and have shown determination and enthusiasm during their lessons. They have particularly enjoyed learning about the Stone Age topic and have fully immersed themselves in all their cross-curricular lessons.



In English, pupils read 'Stone Age Boy' and 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth'. Pupils planned, drafted, edited and performed their own narrative stories. Next, they really impressed us with their instructions using a variety of time connectives, imperative verbs, and prepositions. Finally, we explored poetry, focusing on acrostic poems. We produced Stone Age-related poetry featuring super similes, amazing alliteration, and onomatopoeia.



In mathematics, we have worked hard to master place value and addition and subtraction up to 3-digit numbers. The children's fluency skills and problem-solving skills have been further tested by their use of Mathletics. Many children have worked hard to achieve certificates, well done!



In science lessons, children have been fascinated by Rocks and Soils. Within this unit, we found out about the three types of naturally occurring rocks, igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic. We explored what soil is composed of, the different layers of soil and how fossils are formed!



We have been blown away by the children's commitment and attention to detail in their homework projects. We have many things to look forward to in the next half term such as our trip to Calderstones, our Winter Performance and our new topic - Liverpool.

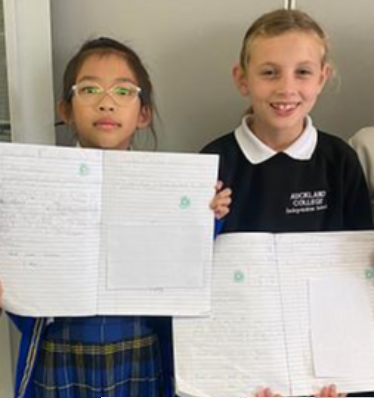
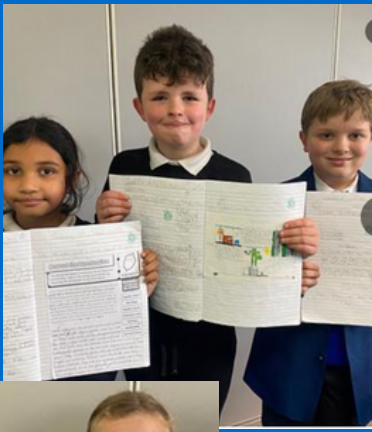


Miss Lett, Miss Stables and Miss Duvall.





Year 4



Year 4 have had a fantastic start to the year and made fantastic progress across the curriculum.

This term the students have been learning about America and this topic has been explored across the curriculum. Students have a clear understanding of persuasive writing techniques and used this to create their own class president speeches and creative advertisements for America.

The children have been learning a lot during their math's lessons from learning Roman Numerals at the start of the year to measuring the perimeter of rectilinear shapes.

Year 4 have been learning about states of matter in science and have been doing investigations throughout the term which included testing fizzy drinks, testing the rate of evaporation in different areas of the classroom and even creating our own water cycle with cress seeds.

The children enjoyed presenting their homework projects and we are very impressed with the effort and dedication in creating them.

Mr. Coate & Miss Thomas

Year 5

Year 5 made a really fantastic start to the year and have been enjoying learning lots of interesting space facts in our science topic. I have been seriously impressed by the projects that the children have produced and we have really enjoyed the children presenting them too.

Our class reader is *Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell Boyce which is about a boy who is particularly tall and is often mistaken for an adult. He uses this to his advantage but ends up stuck in space! The children have written some fantastic stories based on this book and are absolutely loving enjoying hearing the story while we have our snack each day!

In maths we have learnt about place value and addition and subtraction strategies. We have more recently begun to learn about how to read and create line graphs and a variety of tables.

In honour of Black History Month, and related to our Space topic, we have learnt about Katherine Johnson who was an American mathematician whose calculations of orbital mechanics as an employee at NASA were critical to the first US crewed spaceflight. We have also been learning and performing poetry by Benjamin Zephaniah.

In addition, the children have been creating some superb galaxy art based on the works of the sculptor James Turrell and the artist Lyubov Popova.

I am looking forward to seeing all that my wonderful class will achieve this year as they continue to try their best and aim high!

Best Wishes,
Miss Read



*Our future's
so bright we
have to wear
shades!*



Year 6



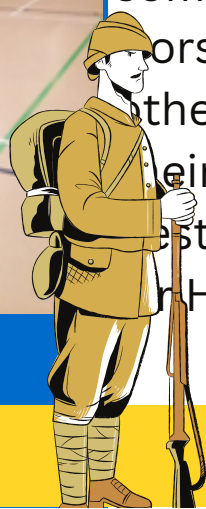
Year 6 have had a great start to the new academic year and we are so impressed with the way that all children have settled into the school routines. I am very proud of their perseverance and positive attitudes to work, especially when learning new topics in Maths.

In History, the children have been learning all about WWI and most recently created their own posters about Walter Tull! This topic has linked to our English lessons of War Horse by Michael Morpurgo and the children have been able to make lots of links during lessons using their historical knowledge.

Furthermore, we have been working with circuits in science and children have had the opportunity to experiment with different wires and electrical components! Recently, pupils have completed an investigation using different materials as conductors as their variable. They produced some very interesting results!

We have celebrated Black History month researching famous black individuals and presenting to the class. I was delighted to hear some of the children perform their amazing War Horse scripts to the class and can't wait for other opportunities for pupils to showcase their work in the future.

Best wishes,
Mr Hyman



Prep Headlines

Auckland Football

Mr Neil has started off the football season with the Upper Key Stage 2 Boys' and Girls' Football teams. They have played a number of games against other schools from all around the city. They have done us all proud and we look forward to hearing how they get on for the rest of the year.



Exam Success!

Congratulations to Evelyn in Year 4 for passing her maths GCSE. Evelyn completed her maths GCSE last summer whilst in Year 3 and was awarded a Grade 5! We are very proud of this amazing achievement.

Well done Evelyn!



National Schools Ski Association for Auckland

Please join us in congratulating Harrison in Year 5 for being selected for the National Schools Alpine Squad 2023/2024 in which he will compete in Holland and Italy against other European schools. He'll be flying the flag for Auckland College internationally. We are very proud of you!



Dojo Superstars

Termly Winners

Year 1 Red- Una

Year 1 Yellow- Isla S

Year 2 Red- Thea

Year 2 Yellow- Layan

Year 3 Blue- Maicen

Year 3 Red- Ghazi

Year 3 Yellow- Tom

Year 4 Red- Samuel

Year 4 Yellow- Ellie

Year 5- Emilia

Year 6- Aarna